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SUBJ EFTA TESTS AND INSPECTIONS AGREEMENTS

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1. THREE COPIES OF DOCUMENTS MENTIONED IN PARA 1  
REFAIR POUCHED WASHINGTON SEPTEMBER 28, 1973 AS  
ENCLOSURES TO GATT DOCUMENT L/3916/ADD.1 (EB/OT--J. BUNN,  
COMMERCE-ROHR AND STR). COPIES FORWARDED WERE OF AGREEMENTS  
AS REVISED EITHER AFTER OR JUST PRIOR TO EFTA  
MEMBERSHIP REDUCTION OF JANUARY 1973. COUNTRIES WHICH  
LEFT EFTA FOR EC HAVE CONTINUED PARTICIPATE IN ALL THREE  
AGREEMENTS. EFTA SECRETARIAT (STUGU, DIRECTOR OF TRADE  
AFFAIRS DIVISION) CONFIRMS THAT NO OTHER COUNTRIES HAVE  
SINCE EITHER WITHDRAWN OR ACCEDED TO THESE AGREEMENTS.

2. MISSION NOT ABLE EVALUATE IMPORTANCE OR TRADE EFFECT  
THESE THREE AGREEMENTS; DEPARTMENT MAY WISH QUERY EMBASSIES  
IN EFTA CAPITALS RE TRADE EFFECTS IN VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

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IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT CONVENTION OF PRECIOUS METALS

(ARTICLE 12) STATES MEMBERSHIP IS OPEN TO ANY STATE WHICH IS MEMBER OF UNITED NATIONS OR INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION OR PARTY TO INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE. SCHEMES ON GAS APPLIANCES (ART. 12) AND AGRICULTURAL MACHINES (ART. 9) BOTH STATE THEY ARE OPEN TO PARTICIPATION BY VIRTUALLY ANY COUNTRY, ESPECIALLY MEMBERS OF GATT.

3. STUGU SAID ONLY CHANGE IN THE FOUR CONVENTIONS MENTIONED IN PARA 3 OF REFTEL HAS BEEN THAT YUGOSLAVIA HAS ACCEDED TO CONVENTION ON SHIPS EQUIPMENT. HE SAID THERE ARE NO OTHER EFTA AGREEMENTS REGARDING PRODUCTS STANDARDS, ALTHOUGH SOME NEW SCHEMES (WHICH HE WOULD NOT IDENTIFY) WERE "UNDER CONSIDERATION" BY EXPERTS.DALE UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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